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1. DEPARTMENT IS REPEATING TO STOCKHOLM REFTELS WHICH DESCRIBE EUROPEAN INTEREST IN RESTRUCTURING THE CONFERENCE EUROPEENNE DES POSTES ET TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CEPT). REFTEL B) DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH CEPT INTEREST IN "HARMONIZATION" OF EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT STANDARDIZATION. HARMONIZATION WILL BE PROMOTED THROUGH ACTIVITIES OF CEPT COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HARMONIZATION (CCH). REFTEL B) REQUESTED EMBASSY MADRID TO DISCUSS CEPT PLANS WITH SPANISH PTT WHICH HAD HOSTED RECENT CEPT PLENARY ASSEMBLY. REFTEL C) SUGGESTS CEPT PLANS BE DISCUSSED WITH NEW CEPT PRESIDENT, BERTIL BJUREL, SWEDISH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. THERE IS SOME CONFUSION IN THAT

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REFTEL D) REPORTS PRESIDENT AS MR. T. LARRSON, DEPUTY

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SWEDISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.
DEPARTMENT LEAVES IT TO EMBASSY TO DETERMINE WHICH ONE
IS NEW PRESIDENT.

2. DRAWING ON BACKGROUND IN REFTELS DEPARTMENT WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCUSSING RECENT CEPT DEVELOPMENTS
AND INTENTIONS WITH BJUREL OR LARRSON, AS APPROPRIATE,
AND REPORTING COMMENTS.

3. FYI: USG PLANS EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING
INFORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CCH THAT WOULD PERMIT
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND OPEN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO KEEP
ABREAST OF CCH THINKING. THIS LIAISON HOPEFULLY
WILL ALSO OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR US INPUT TO CCH
PLANNING. IN TALKING WITH BJUREL/LARRSON, EMBASSY
MAY INFORM HIM THAT DEPARTMENT IS WRITING TO CCH
CHAIRMAN HHAIST OF FRG BUNDESMINISTERIUM EXPRESSING
INTEREST IN WORKING CLOSELY WITH CCH IN SOME INFORMAL
RELATIONSHIP. DETERMINATION OF PRECISE RELATIONSHIP
MUST WAIT ON DISCUSSION WITHIN CCH AS WELL AS WITHIN
USG. END FYI. KISSINGER

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